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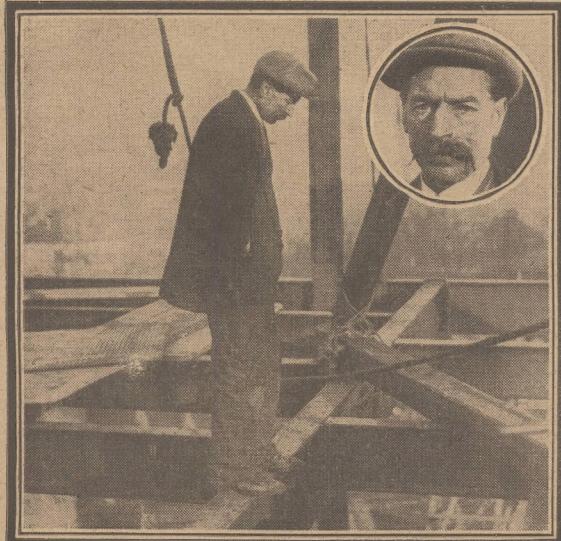


The first German aeroplane to land in England since the war arriving at Croydon Aerodrome. The machine, a monoplane from the Zeppelin works, is made entirely from steel tubing.



The pilot, Herr Kahlow, with his passengers, the directors of an air combine bent on completing arrangements for a service between London and Berlin in the spring.—(Daily Mirror photographs.)

VAIN EFFORT TO SAVE SON FROM DEATH



Mr. Quigley (portrait inset) at the spot where his son William fell while both were working at a height of 65ft. at Merton Abbey, Mitcham. Mr. Quigley clutched his son's coat as he fell, but it gave way in the father's hands. The son was seriously injured, and died in hospital.

BEREAVEMENT



Captain Cecil Gamage, youngest son of Mr. A. W. Gamage, has died in the King Edward VII. Hospital for Officers, at the age of twenty-seven.

£2,000 GEM LOSS



Mrs. Clarence C. Hatry, wife of the well-known City financier, who has suffered the loss, in remarkable circumstances, of a pearl necklace and a diamond, worth between £2,000 and £3,000. Neither had been traced up to a late hour last night.

INQUEST ON VICTIMS OF HEREFORD VILLAGE TRAGEDY



Mrs. Sainsbury, Mrs. Buckridge's foster mother, found dead. *21545A*



Mrs. Buckridge, who died the day after the shooting.

Mrs. Winifred Buckridge, who have witnessed tragedy.

The inquest was opened at Pembridge yesterday on Mrs. Wilhelmina Sainsbury and her adopted daughter, Mrs. Winifred Buckridge, who have died of revolver shot wounds. The younger woman's husband, George Vincent Buckridge, has been remanded on a charge of murdering Mrs. Sainsbury.

THE KING'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE.

"My Heart Goes Out to All in Their Trials."

BETTER TIMES HOPE.

Boom in Coal, Tinplate and Steel Industries.

"My heart goes out to all in their trials and sufferings, and I devoutly pray that in the coming year . . . we shall together strive to restore the happiness and prosperity of our beloved country."

Thus a striking passage from the King's New Year message to the Lord Mayor of London. Prospects of a prosperous 1923 are the key-note of messages received from various parts of the country.

News bulletins from South Wales to meet the coming coal boom, and a tinplate authority ventures his belief that the Welsh tinplate industry will assume pre-war prosperity.

£100,000 FOR WORKERS.

How Lower-Grade G.P.O. Employees Will Benefit Under Concession.

The King's message to the Lord Mayor of London reads:—

It is an unfailing pleasure that each New Year brings me a message from the citizens of London.

I thank them and you, my Lord Mayor, for this expression of greeting and goodwill, and I join in your hope for better times to come.

And I trust that in the difficult times of war, my heart goes out to all in their trials and sufferings, and I devoutly pray that in the coming year, inspired by the feeling of unity and mutual confidence, we shall together strive to restore the happiness and prosperity of our beloved country.

Sir James Craig, Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, in a New Year message to the Loyal Orange Order, says:—

"Our Parliament is working well and all may rest assured will do everything in its power to bring happiness and contentment to our people."

G.P.O. NEW YEAR'S GIFT.

After twenty-five years' service, during which thousands of lower grade employees of the General Post Office have learned through their defence associations that in future they will not be called upon to pay twopence for a receipt stamp each week when receiving wages over £2.

It is estimated that the concession means a yearly gain of £100,000 to small salaried workers.

To meet the coming boom in the coal trade, new rate books for ready and old ones re-opened in South Wales on a New Year's message.

Shipments of coal to foreign destinations are even now almost at pre-war level, but they are likely to be greatly increased from the spring onward, in view of the almost certain occurrence of a mining strike in America.

In view of this, the Americans are anxious to conclude contracts for Welsh coal, and orders have already been booked for a quarter of a million tons, a quantity which is expected to be doubled shortly.

As a result there has been a rise in South Wales contract prices to 2s. per ton f.o.b. for best and 2s. for second Admiralty classes.

The first day of the new year will see the reopening of Messrs. Guest, Keen and Nettlefold's Cardiff steelworks, with employment for 1,000 men, and in the tinplate trade works which have been idle since the war are to be restarted next month.

CHILDREN'S BANQUET.

1,200 Boys and Girls Entertained by Sir W. Treloar at Guildhall.

Twelve hundred boys and girls from all over London made the Guildhall ring with happy chatter yesterday when they were treated to a dinner of meat pie, roll, plum pudding, dessert and hot milk and afterwards entertained.

In connection with the function, which was again arranged by Sir William Treloar, 4,000 hampers, each containing 2lb. of cake, a 2lb. plum pudding, 1lb. of tea, 4lb. of chocolate and 2lb. of jam, were distributed by the Mayor to the mayors of the various boroughs for crippled children.

Sir William Treloar said that in the twenty-nine years of the existence of his fund about 120,000 hampers had been sent out.

WOMEN'S DAY.

"Daily Mirror" Supplement That Will Delight All Feminine Hearts.

Don't forget that to-morrow is Woman's Supplement Day, when every woman eagerly turns the pages of her *Daily Mirror* to those which are exclusively devoted to her special interests.

Besides other good things, to-morrow's supplement will contain details of a fascinating competition to see who can eat: it may bring to you just those extra pounds so body needed during the week.

Don't be a left-out. Order Wednesday's *Daily Mirror* to-day.

MUSIC AND SHOTS.

Me'odeon Player Killed by Revolver Bullet.

TWO WOMEN WOUNDED.

A grim tragedy occurred last night at Sunderland.

A man named Barnard Quinn, aged forty, was sitting in his house in Woodbine-street, playing a melodeon, in company with his wife and his mother-in-law, a Mrs. Daniel Cassidy, when suddenly a man entered the room and fired a revolver into the group.

Quinn fell mortally wounded and the two women were wounded and taken to the infirmary, where their condition late last night was critical and their depositions were taken.

A doctor who was passing the house seized a man who was leaving with it, it is alleged, a revolver in his hand.

A civilian came to the doctor's assistance and, taking the revolver from the man, hit him on the head with it and handed him over to the police.

Later he was charged with the murder of Quinn and detained.

The detained man, who is said to be Daniel Cassidy, Quinn's father-in-law, is alleged to have said on arrest, "This is due to family trouble."

GIRL IN MID-AIR WIRES.

Remarkable Plight After Falling from Railway Bridge.

Railway officials at Leicester were startled yesterday to see a young woman entangled and struggling in a mass of telegraph wires about 5ft. above the line.

By the aid of a long ladder she was quickly rescued, but it was discovered that she was found to be only slightly injured.

She gave her name as Freda Langthorne, and said she was engaged in a theatrical company visiting Leicester. She had fallen from the parapet of a bridge.

DRUG HUNT AT DOCKS.

Scotland Yard Squad Probing Opium Secrets of East End.

Important inquiries regarding the smuggling of opium and other drugs have been pursued for some weeks at the London Docks by Scotland Yard officers under Inspector Nichols.

It is believed that the inquiries of the ships from the Far East have been searched by Scotland Yard officers in conjunction with Customs officials, but without success. Valuable information, however, has been obtained and watch is being kept on certain houses in the East End.

It is hoped to trace not only where the opium comes from, but to whom it is passed for circulation in the West End. Sensational developments may be expected at any moment.

CURATE'S DESPAIR.

Letter to Mother Before Suicide "Misfit and Failure."

"My life is a misfit and a failure."

That was a sentence in a letter to his mother left by the Rev. George Jackson, a Leeds curate, who committed suicide on New Year's Eve by gas poisoning.

He was wearing an overcoat when found dead. The end of a piece of piping had been passed through one of the buttonholes, the other end being attached to a bracket. The window was closed and heavy curtain covered the door.

The Rev. H. O. Parnell, the vicar of St. Aidan's, which Mr. Jackson was attached, stated at the inquest he thought that he could not imagine what could have happened to lead the curate to take such a step.

Mr. Jackson, who was an Army chaplain in the war, was a member of a Leeds family, and had been at St. Aidan's in charge of St. Wilfrid's Mission since early in 1921. Previously he held a curacy at Halifax.

BROAD SCOTS COMEDY.

Success of "A Valuable Rival" at London Coliseum—Cast of Three.

(By Our Dramatic Critic.)

An exceptionally strong "bill" at the Coliseum this week includes a one-act comedy presented by the Scottish National Players, entitled "A Valuable Rival." The play was recently honoured by a command performance before the King and Queen at Balmoral.

The piece is a simple story dealing with a couple of rival newspaper proprietors in a Scottish town, and the cast consists of but three persons.

From the "Sassenach" point of view the dialect somewhat hampered a proper appreciation of the subtlety of the humour, but the audience at the close paid a well-deserved tribute to some excellent acting.

Mr. Andrew F. Wilson's rendering of Alexander Jameson was a particularly fine bit of characterisation.

£800 LEFT TO MAID.

Miss Alice Peel, of Hove, who left £16,311, bequeathed £800 and an annuity of £52 to her maid, Mary Dunn.

£2,500 GEMS LOSS.

Necklace and Diamond That Disappeared.

DANCE CLUB MYSTERY.

Scotland Yard is investigating a remarkable case of vanished jewellery, valued at £2,500.

While at dinner with her husband at the Embassy Club, Old Bond-street, W. Mrs. Clarence C. Hatry, the wife of the well-known City financier, discovered that her pearl necklace, worth several hundred pounds, had broken.

Mrs. Hatry put the broken necklace into her handbag, and later on took it with her to a dance club.

She had been dancing for some time, when she found that a diamond, worth £2,000, which she had been wearing, was missing.

A hasty search for the missing jewel followed, and in the course of this Mrs. Hatry put down her handbag.

As no trace could be found of the diamond, Mrs. Hatry, accompanied by her husband, went back to the Embassy Club, thinking that the jewel had probably dropped out of its setting while they were there.

On the way to the club Mrs. Hatry opened her handbag, and to her amazement she discovered that the broken pearl necklace had also vanished.

The police were promptly informed of the double loss, but up to a late hour last night neither the pearls nor the diamond had been traced.

GERMANS FLY HERE.

Effort to Arrange Network of Air Routes All Over Europe.

An all-metal monoplane, the first German machine to alight voluntarily in England, arrived yesterday at Croydon from Berlin with three members of the Croydon Aeroplane and Motor Company.

"We have flown to London," said Herr O. J. Merkl, president of the German Aero Union, "to visit the Daimler Airway in order to make final arrangements for a service between London and Berlin.

There is a great scope for air services throughout Central Europe, but these can be properly developed the restrictions imposed on German craft by the Allies must of necessity be removed."

W. G. L. Innes, who said that this visit will open the way to international aerial development, and that a network of air services over Northern Europe will be opened."

BUILDING AIR RESERVE.

Commercial Fleets as Basis for War Organisation.

A plea for subsidised commercial air services as a national asset was made by Mr. F. Handley Page in a paper read to the Institute of Transport last night.

By maintaining a large number of machines in the air on commercial air services with a corresponding number of pilots and mechanics, he said, there was available in time of war a reserve for national emergencies. It would appear in the layman's mind that it would be cheap to maintain a reserve on the civilian aviation basis than to establish a territorial air force, as a large proportion of the cost was contributed by the public in the shape of the air transport companies' receipts.

GOLD AGAIN!

Post Office Customer Given a Half-Sovereign in His Change.

When a customer tendered a £1 Treasury note at the post-office in New Bridge-street, E.C., yesterday he was handed a golden half-sovereign in change.

Inquiry elicited the information that the post-office "was not retaining gold for return to the Bank of England in future."

FATAL EXPLOSION.

Man Killed and Another Injured in Shipbreaking Yard Accident.

An explosion occurred during the cleaning of an acetylene gas plant at the Ward Ship-breaking Yard, Briton Ferry (Glam.).

Thomas John Phillips, an electrician, was badly burned.

MARCHERS COLLAPSE.

When 100 of the unemployed marchers arrived at Poplar yesterday evening after demonstrating outside the Ministry of Health, four men collapsed and were taken to hospital.

As the others men refused to go back to the casual ward they were housed in Bow Baths.

REAL BATTLING BUTLER.

Burglar Tackled in West End House.

PANTRY FIGHT.

Plucky Servant Stunned by Jemmy Blow.

Scotland Yard yesterday issued details of a desperate fight between a butler and a burglar at the house of the Hon. Eric Thesiger, in Prince of Wales-road, Kensington.

Leonard Hutchings, the butler, heard a noise in the pantry in the early hours of the morning, and found there a man busy among the silver.

During the fight which ensued the burglar struck Hutchings over the head with a jemmy, stunning him.

The intruder then made his escape, leaving his boot behind. His description is in the hands of the police.

SILVER SAVED.

Intruder Leaves Sack of Booty Behind in Flight.

In an interview yesterday Hutchings told a graphic story of his fight with the burglar.

"I was in bed," he said, "and, hearing a noise in the pantry, I got up and went in."

"I saw a man standing near the silver cabinet. At his feet was a potato sack, which I afterwards found was full of silver articles."

"I was filling up another sack from the silver cabinet when I came upon him. I went for him, caught hold of him and we had a struggle."

"He managed to hit me over the head with something which I should think was a jemmy, and I remembered no more."

"When I came round the man had gone without taking the silver with him."

MACLAREN'S FINE 200.

Veteran Cricketer "Not Out" in Test Match in New Zealand.

Cricket enthusiasts will be interested in the career of a veteran cricketer, A. C. MacLaren, in the Test match between the M.C.C. and New Zealand.

He retired undefeated with 200 runs to his credit. (See page 18.) A. C. MacLaren has just celebrated the fifty-first anniversary of his birthday.

YOUTH'S COSTLY XMAS.

Story of Call on Uncle That Led to Attempted Housebreaking Charge.

When remanded at Highgate yesterday on a charge of attempting to break into his uncle's Duke-of-York-street, Muswell Hill, a sun-dresser young clerk, Cecil Charles Rhodes, said he was financially embarrassed owing to the Christmas holidays.

He went to his uncle's house, he said, to endeavour to borrow money, and as he got no reply to his knock concluded that his uncle and aunt were still away.

He decided to enter the house and see if he could find any money, and while trying to remove a glass panel from the door he was arrested.

OTHER NEWS IN BRIEF.

Lighting-up time to-day is 4.58 p.m.

Germs Mystery.—Test tubes of germs found in a Windsor garage have not yet been claimed.

Brewery Wages Cut.—Burton-on-Trent brewery workers have agreed to a wages reduction of 6s. weekly.

Football Romance.—Len Davies, Cardiff City's centre forward, was married yesterday to Miss Gwendoline Stroud, one of the club's most enthusiastic supporters.

Escaping Convict's Mouse.—When Arthur Conniv, the convict who has twice escaped from Parkhurst Prison, left the Isle of Wight yesterday for Dartmoor, he took with him a pet mouse.

Grandfather Committed Wilful Murder against Child.—John Hare was the verdict yesterday at a Sheerness inquest on his grandfather, Herbert Scott. Hare was sent for trial.

"Plus Four" is the title of the new comedy by Messrs. H. A. Vachell and H. Simpson, to be produced on January 17 at the Haymarket Theatre. Miss Peggy O'Neill will play the leading part.

Well-to-Do Pensioner.—For making false statements when applying for an old-age pension, she having over £1,200 in the bank, Mrs. A. R. Walters, seventy-seven, was fined £5 and eleven guineas costs at Sedgley, Staffs.

Woman's Endurance.—After fracturing her spine by jumping from a window, Mrs. Rose Willson, Gillingham, walked a mile, it was stated at a Dover inquest yesterday, when she was found to be in a temporary insanity was the verdict.

PREMIERS BEGIN VITAL REPARATIONS TASK TO-DAY

France to Demand New Pledges: Taxes on Coal and Ruhr Customs Ring.

REPORTED FRESH DEFAULT BY GERMANY

No Reduction of Liability Without Corresponding Cancellation of Inter-Allied Debts.

Issues of vital economic, political and financial import to the whole world are at stake at the Allied Conference on Reparations and War Debts which opens to-day in Paris.

Terms on which a respite shall be granted to Germany and a scheme which will definitely fix her liability are the thorny problems on which Mr. Bonar Law and M. Poincaré will seek agreement after over four years of temporary arrangements.

France is likely to demand a series of clear-cut pledges in return for the suggested moratorium of two or three years. These will include taxes on coal, a Customs ring round the Ruhr area and a percentage of revenue from German exports.

It was reported last night that France desires to obtain a further declaration of Germany's default with regard to coal deliveries.

BERLIN ENVOY TO SUBMIT FRESH PROPOSALS.

France Seeking Declaration of New German Default?

LORD CURZON SEES MR. LAW

PARIS, Monday. Lord Curzon was in consultation with Mr. Bonar Law the whole morning, and again this afternoon.

With the arrival of the Italian and Belgian delegations, everything is now in readiness for the resumption to-morrow afternoon of the Reparations Conference of Prime Ministers recently broken off in London.

Herr Mayer, the German Ambassador in Paris, announced to-day that Dr. Bergmann, the German reparations expert, was due in Paris to-morrow morning, when he would communicate the latest German reparations proposals.

NEW GERMAN DEFAULT?

A persistent rumour is current in Paris to-night that France intends to request an urgent meeting of the Reparations Commission to declare a further default on the part of Germany—this time regarding the deliveries of coal.

It is suggested in some quarters that the only effect will be to provide France with substantial grounds for acting promptly in the event of a breakdown of the Conference.

The opinion expressed in British circles is that to some extent Germany is to blame for the shortage of timber.—Reuter.

FRENCH CONDITIONS.

Paris Regards Conference as Most Important Event Since War.

The diplomatic correspondent of the *Havas* Agency believes that the French proposal to be submitted to the Conference will be a short moratorium to be granted to Germany for two years in payments in specie and in kind. In exchange the Allies would demand from Germany a series of pledges, namely:

Exploitation of her domanial forests within the scope of the programme of deliveries of timber drawn up by the Reparations Commission.

Control of the distribution of Ruhr coal.

Levying of a tax on coal hewn.

Levying of Customs dues on the left bank of the Rhine.

(In the course of the last months of enforcement of this measure in 1921 it produced £800,000.)

Setting up of Customs offices at the Ruhr boundaries.

Levying of a percentage sum to be fixed later on the value of German exports from the Rhineland and the Ruhr.

Furthermore, Germany would have to agree to the translation to Berlin of the Guarantees Committee, with full powers of control over the finances of the Ruhr, and should also have to submit a plan for the stabilisation of the mark.

The French Government cannot agree to the reduction of debt requested by Germany, until France has received her share of the 50,000,000,000 gold marks (£2,500,000,000) to be paid by Germany, and unless there is a corresponding cancellation of inter-Allied debts.

WIFE'S FAREWELL LETTER.

"As we cannot live this life any longer we have decided to go together," was a phrase in a letter left by Mrs. Florence Maggs, on whom an inquest was held yesterday at Peasdon, St. John (near Bath). She and her husband—who is now in hospital—were found with throat wounds. The inquest was adjourned for the husband's attendance.

1,600 BRITISH SUBJECTS TO LEAVE TURKEY.

Constantinople Fugitives to Malta and Cyprus.

OFFICIAL REASSURANCE.

Owing to the uncertain situation at Constantinople, 1,600 British subjects and Maltese are leaving there forthwith, a Reuter Malta message stated yesterday.

It is expected that 600 of them will be landed in Cyprus, the remainder being brought on to Malta.

The warning given to all members of the British colony in Constantinople to be ready to leave at twenty-four hours' notice, it is considered in official circles in London, is a normal precaution, which might justifiably have been taken some weeks ago.

The fact that such action was decided upon in the last few days need not give rise to any apprehensions concerning the safety of British subjects.

In consequence of the recent news of strained relations between the Allies and the Turks at Lausanne, there has undoubtedly been a certain amount of uneasiness amongst foreigners.

This uneasiness, says Reuter, has in no way been justified by the situation prevailing today, and it is expected that there are no grounds whatever for alarm.

It is understood that ample transport is available at Constantinople, and it is expected that General Harrington will readily place it at the disposal of any British subjects anxious to leave.

"TURKS READY TO FIGHT."

Kemal's Warlike Statement—Dead-lock Between Athens and Ankara.

Prospects of an early settlement at Lausanne are not improved by statements by the Turkish and Greek ministers who met yesterday from Ankara and Athens respectively.

Reuter quotes the views of Mustapha Kemal and of Colonel Plastiras (the Greek revolutionary leader) on the question of the Greek patriarchate in Constantinople as follow:

Kemal Pasha.—"We refuse to maintain in our country the Greek patriarchate, a rallying point of intrigue and treachery, which creates trouble in the country."

Colonel Plastiras.—"Peace, with the disappearance of the Ecumenical patriarchate and the complete emigration of the Greek population from Constantinople, can under no circumstances be admitted by the revolutionary Government."

Both Kemal and Plastiras concluded with the same phrase:—"No further sacrifices can be made."

Kemal declared that Turkey would "fight to the last son rather than perish in slavery."

ENGLISHMAN ARRESTED.

Riviera Fraud Charges That Total Nearly £40,000.

PARIS, Monday.

A telegram from Toulon to the *Petit Parisien* states that a man said to be a British subject was arrested there last night and charged with extensive frauds in the Riviera.

His operations are said to amount to nearly £40,000.—Reuter.

ACCIDENT TO A QUEEN.

The Queen-Mother of the Netherlands, says Reuter, broke a bone in her left arm as the result of a fall in her palace on New Year's Eve. Yesterday she was well enough to entertain Queen Wilhelmina.



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Sadi Leconte, the well-known French aviator who has beaten his own world's speed record by flying at close on 218 miles per hour.



1/3/23
Mrs. Gatterthwaite has beaten the record for the second time in succession.

INCOME TAX MAY BE REDUCED THIS YEAR.

Relief Depends on Better Trade and Strict Thrift.

A SHILLING CUT?

Adequate Revenue Balance Likely in March.

By Our Political Correspondent

Will there be a further reduction of the income-tax this year? Such is the question everybody is asking who has studied the revenue returns for the first nine months of the current year.

A substantial balance on March 31 would appear to be assured. Revenue already exceeds expenditure by £12,928,270, and as the concluding quarter is invariably the most productive in the in-gathering of the income-tax the Chancellor should be able to conclude the year with a substantial balance on the right side.

Such a balance, of course, goes automatically of the redemption of the National Debt, and Frenchmen are not likely to recommend the Chancellor to depart from this sound financial practice for the purpose of lightening the burden of taxation.

WAR DEBTS FACTOR.

But there are many circumstances which may justify Mr. Simon's Budget for the budgeting for a substantial balance in the coming year and reducing the weight of taxation.

First of all, there are indications of a general revival of trade, and a consequent considerable expansion of receipts from Customs and Excise.

Lower interest payments on the American debt, which it is hoped to secure by the Chancellor's mission to the United States, should also make a substantial reduction.

It is, of course, the fact that the coming year will be adversely affected by a further great reduction in the revenue from the sales of war stores.

But this need not deter a Chancellor who insists upon drastic cuts in expenditure from alleviating the oppressive burdens of taxation.

EXPENSIVE SUPPLY SERVICES.

That cuts can be made without impairing the efficiency of the Departments is admitted by all who have made a first-hand study of the present state of affairs.

The expenditure on the Supply services is still hundreds of millions above the pre-war figure. The Civil Service alone is estimated to cost £317,455,000 during the current year.

A shilling off the income tax would involve a loss to the Exchequer of £50,000,000 in twelve months.

There are experts who declare that a shilling reduction could be made this year if trade improves and stern economy is insisted on in our Government Departments.

MORE STORMY WEATHER ON THE WAY.

Liner Submerged in Huge Seas in Atlantic.

MILD SPELL TO-DAY.

After a lull to-day, more rough weather is imminent, according to the Air Ministry experts. Their forecasts are:

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

—Much cloud, some rain at first, improving later milder, wind south to south-west, moderate to fresh.

FURTHER OUTLOOK.—Stormy and unsettled weather generally; heavy rain or hail, thunder and lightning in places.

Ships at sea are wirelessed that they are battling against a forty-miles-an-hour gale.

Storm warnings have been hoisted on the west and south-west coasts of England.

Captain Roberts, of the White Star liner *Baltic*, which arrived in the Mersey yesterday after 32 hours at sea, said it was one of the worst storms he had ever experienced.

At times the vessel was submerged fore and aft by heavy seas.

Lloyd's reported yesterday that the Austrian steamship *Palacký* (5,903 tons) was ashore at Galata Burnu (Dardanelles), and that another steamer of the same company had gone to her assistance.

A British-tar steamer, probably the *Eburna* (7,400 tons, London), was also ashore above Akbaşlı Liman.

Another sailor's body was washed up at Burry Port yesterday, making the sixth within the past few days.

All doubts as to the fate of the steamer *Maid of Delos*, which disappeared recently, are now cleared up, as one body has been identified as that of John Henry Morse, chief steward of the *Maid of Delos*.

Thousands of acres of fenland are flooded from Spalding (Lincs) to beyond Crowland, a distance of fifteen miles.

MOTOR JEWEL THIEF'S SHOTS.

Police Chase and Fire at Men Who Stole Necklaces.

Snatching up two necklaces of considerable value in a big jeweller's shop at Marseilles yesterday, a man rushed out and jumped into a waiting motor-car, in which were a chauffeur and another man, says Reuter.

The car drove off at full speed, one of the thieves covering its flight by firing shots from a revolver.

Several policemen who joined in the chase returned the fire. The thieves escaped.

BUS ESCAPES IN FOG.

23 Passengers in Vehicle Pulled Up Within Six Yards of River.

In a thick fog last night a motor-bus containing twenty-three passengers ran off the Chigwell road when bound for Woodford Bridge.

It was pulled up within six yards of the river.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S WARSHIP

Ex-Premier Invited To See Trials for a Bull-Fight.

GIBRALTAR, Monday. Owing to the great gale blowing in the Straits, Mr. Lloyd George has postponed his visit to Ceuta, Tetuan and Tangier. The Spanish cruiser *Reina Regente* remains at Algeciras at his disposal.

The Governor of Algeciras has sent an invitation to Mr. Lloyd George and his party to visit a typical Spanish festival at Los Barrios, where young bulls will be tried out preparatory to taking part in big bull fights.—Central News.

WOMAN'S REASON.

"It only means that he will go to prison," said the Willemsen magistrate yesterday to a woman who asked for a summons against her husband for non-payment of maintenance.

The Wife: That's all I want. What's in prison he's not supporting the other woman.

Magistrate: That is some kind of reason. You can have a summons.

TRAPPED IN BURNING HOUSE.

Girl Perishes with Father, After Trying to Warn Him of Danger.

Father and daughter—Eugene Collins, grocer, and Lilly Collins, aged seventeen—perished in a fire at night at their home in Upper Castle-street, Tralee.

When an alarm was raised the father began to dress and the girl tried to warn him of his danger. Both were trapped in the burning house.

Armed incendiaries during the week-end unsuccessfully attempted to burn the fine old Georgian mansion occupied by Mr. Walter Cole, in Dublin.

Mr. Cole, his guests and members of the household were placed in the study and covered by two gunmen, while other raiders set two bedrooms alight. Damage to the extent of about £250 was done. Jewellery and money were stolen.

Replying to an appeal for peace, the irregulars claim to have strained every nerve to avert civil war, and add: "You need not fear we will be forced into settlement or surrender by an offer of employment or share in the power of government."

SHOTS END MUSIC PARTY.

Melodium Player Dead, and Two Women Wounded at Sunderland.

A man was shot dead and two women seriously injured by revolver bullets at a house in Woodbine-street, Hendon, Sunderland, last night.

Barnard Quinn, aged forty, was playing a melodium at the residence, his wife and mother-in-law being in the room, when the door was flung open by his father-in-law, Daniel Cassidy.

Cassidy, it is alleged, produced a revolver and fired. Quinn was instantly killed, and the women so dangerously wounded that their positions have been taken at the infirmary, whence they were removed.

Leaving the house, Cassidy was seized by a passer-by, who took the revolver from him and handed him over to the police.

On trial Cassidy is alleged to have said: "This is due to family trouble." The family came to Sunderland from Manchester some three years ago.

WARSHIPS STILL OUR SURE SHIELD.

Admiral Sturdee's Plea for a Defensive Navy.

CRAFT OF FUTURE.

Owing to the great change in naval policy throughout the world: the result of the Washington Conference, "Brassey's Naval and Shipping Annual" (William Cowles and Sons, Ltd.; 25s.), published to-day, is of more than ordinary interest and value.

The editors are Sir A. Richardson and Mr. Archibald Hurd, and among the numerous contributions are those of Sir T. R. Sims, F. C. Doveon Sturdee, Sir George Thurston, the distinguished naval architect, Sir Eustace H. T. D'Encour, Director of Naval Construction at the Admiralty; Sir Westcott Abell, the Chief Ship Surveyor of Lloyd's Register; and Lord Inchape.

Sir Doveon Sturdee, who deals with naval aspects of the Conference, says it is most noteworthy that the naval strength of the maritime nations in command of fleets in the recent war the capital ship still remains the bedrock on which all naval strength must be based.

The importance of capital ships was so evident at the Conference that the standard of the relative naval strength was based on capital ships.

SUBMARINES NO DEFENCE.

It was not stated, he says, how the advocates for aircraft proposed to defend the ocean highways of the world, which were the life blood of the Empire.

"Broadly," he adds, "so long as the construction and retention of battleships is continued by other nations, Great Britain must retain hers and have a force equal to that of any other nation." The increasing menace from the air is fully appreciated, but surely a larger money that is essential to maintain a One-Power Standard from the Naval Estimates in order to manufacture aircraft, does not appear to be statesmanlike! Their functions are different, but both are vital in order to maintain the control of our overseas communications."

Sir George Thurston describes an "experimental" battleship, fitted as a carrier for aircraft and with a main armament of three 16-inch guns, as "most absurd." Edward Ward...

"This solitary and powerful unit," he says, "could, if required, take her place in the fighting line, or, in emergency, be despatched to foreign stations, possessing high speed and carrying within her the planes necessary for scouting or torpedo and bomb dropping."

"To allow for aircraft work she would have no funnels, and the smoke would be 'conducted' overboard through ducts swept by the water from the circulating pumps."

WHITE AND GOLD BRIDE.

Miss Carrie Tubb Sings at Wedding of Baronet's Daughter.

Accompanied by Sir Thomas Beecham's orchestra, Miss Carrie Tubb sang at the wedding yesterday of Miss Denise du Cros and Mr. Alan V. Insole at All Souls' Church, Langham-place, and the special music for the service had been fully rehearsed in the morning before the wedding.

Sir Arthur du Cros, Bart., gave his daughter away, and she wore a white and gold brocade Juliet gown edged with pearls, her train being composed of an old Honiton lace shawl.

Not only was the music a novel feature at this New Year's Day wedding, but the seven bridesmaids who followed the bride were cloaked with cream Spanish embroidered shawls.

POLICE CHIEF BACK AT DUTY.

Brigadier-General Sir William Horwood, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, who was poisoned through eating chocolates containing arsenic on November 9, returned to duty yesterday.

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28,000 ENTRIES.

Remarkable Success of Table Tennis Contest.

EVERYBODY'S CHANCE.

More than 28,000 table tennis enthusiasts from all parts of the United Kingdom have now applied for entry forms in *The Daily Mirror* Table Tennis Championships, and their number is increasing by many hundreds daily. Never before has so widespread an interest been aroused in such a competition.

The entrants range from celebrated sportsmen and well-known public men to members of boys' clubs in the East End of London.

There will shortly be an alternative table tennis centre, at the Paddington Gardens, which is controlled by the urban district council, a sports club is to be opened on January 8 with six table tennis tables. All interested should communicate with Mr. A. E. Fellowes, the entertainment manager.

There is now less than a fortnight in which to enter for *The Daily Mirror* championships, and the application should be made at once for entry forms. These will be sent by return of post to all who apply, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope to: "The Editor, *Daily Mirror*, Table Tennis Championships, 23-29, Bouvierie-street, E.C.4."

FATED TO DIE.

Man Injured by Train Killed in Fall from Hospital Fire Escape.

After escaping death at King's Cross in the station, where he fell in front of a train and was injured, Edward Harry Tyre, forty-two, a scientific instrument maker, was fatally injured at St. Paul's Hospital, yesterday.

It was stated at the inquest, which was adjourned yesterday, that Tyre had denied having thrown himself on to the line. At the hospital he got on to a fire escape landing and fell about 30ft. He asked to be allowed to die.

A young miner, named Herbert Stacey, was killed yesterday at Snibstone Colliery, Coalville, through a cage accident. He was married at Christmas.

On New Year's Eve a Glasgow Corporation employee, named Henry McNeil, sixty-three, was found fatally stabbed. His wife has been charged in connection with his death.

A Blyth miner, Robert Graham Mowbray, was murdered yesterday on the charge of murdering Stanley Gordon Denholm, a bricklayer, by stabbing. Mrs. Mowbray, who is also said to have been stabbed, is critically ill.

MARCHERS' COMPLAINT.

Not Satisfied with Food in Free Shelters—Police Called to Whitehall.

A deputation from the Scottish unemployed marchers in London attended at the Embankment offices of the Metropolitan Asylums Board yesterday to protest against the food and accommodation given to the marchers during the week-end at the Board's shelters.

Mr. J. W. Morris, who complained that for Sunday morning's breakfast he was given two slices of bread and margarine, and some watery tea; for dinner, two potatoes, a slice of dry bread, a piece of cheese, and water to drink; and for tea two slices of bread and a cup of watery cocoa.

At their interview with the officials of the Board, the deputation suggested as reasonable a bacon for breakfast, meat and vegetables for dinner, and tea to drink for tea. The officials replied that the men have instructions from the Ministry of Health.

The deputation then returned to the Ministry of Health and declared that they would not leave until ejected. After remaining for several hours the police were called in, but there was no disturbance.

The first man was led down the stairs by a constable who gripped him firmly by the coat-collar. The remainder left quietly.

HUNGRY—YET AFRAID TO EAT!

Such is the plight of thousands. They dread mealtimes, for they know that suffering will follow; they know that, diet as they will, digestive disorder is remorseless, and it has them in its grip. The pity of it is that such suffering is quite unnecessary, as any doctor can tell you. A little Bisulat Magnesia, taken in water (or a couple of the tablets swallowed) will instantly neutralise the harmful acid which gives rise to the trouble, and thus prevent all possibility of discomfort. You'll suffer no more from stomach troubles if you go to the nearest chemist, get a 1s. 3d. package of this sure cure, and take as directed. Remember, a dose of Bisulat Magnesia will stop the worst attack of stomach pain *instantly*, and you're only to take the preparation for a very little while to feel a different person altogether—healthier, happier and brighter.—(Advt.)

CHARGES AGAINST A CANDIDATE.

Election Agent and Story of Unpaid Salary.

TOO LAZY WITNESS.

The case in which George Augustine Jennings, Independent Liberal candidate for North Paddington in the General Election, is charged, with Austin Dockney and Frank Castell, with fraud and conspiracy, was further adjourned yesterday at Marylebone, when George Haines, of West Kilburn, who acted as Jennings' election agent, continued his story.

He said he was authorised, together with Dockney, to draw on Jennings' account at Barclays, and he only drew three cheques. One for ten guineas was dishonoured. Another for £220, £100 was also dishonoured, but he paid said into the bank to meet it. The third was also not met.

Two days before the polling day he ceased to be the agent, as he was not satisfied. On November 14 he received a cheque for £35 from Jennings to pay out certain disbursements. It was, however, returned from Lloyds Bank, "Payments stopped."

Mr. Haines also said he mentioned to Jennings several times the question of his remuneration, and although the figure of £35 was agreed on he never received anything. He had himself advanced £28 10s. to pay wages and the rent of the committee-rooms.

The magistrate (Mr. Symmons) said as witness was out of work now it would be hard on him if he had to give up his money, and it would not affect the case in any way if Jennings met this particular obligation.

Mr. Muskett (for the prosecution) said he would welcome a course of this sort.

NOT CHARGED WITH LOSING.

Cross-examined by Jennings, Mr. Haines said Jennings was sent to a constituency as a candidate by headquarters. He recollects Jennings saying on November 10 that, owing to the death of his father-in-law, alterations had taken place in his financial position and an arrangement with the bank had broken down.

Jennings elicited the statement that four influential members of the Liberal Party withdrew their support, and asked if that action did not do irreparable harm.

The Magistrate: You are not charged with losing a safe seat. (Laughter.)

James R. Wilcox, manager of the Prince of Wales public-house, Harrow-road, recalled for cross-examination by Castell, had been unable to attend court for some days owing to ill-health, and appeared to have some difficulty in answering questions.

The magistrate sternly rebuked the witness, saying: "You won't help us a bit. You are trying not to assist in the administration of justice. You won't give one definite answer at all. There is something else behind this be it losing."

Later the magistrate remarked: "You won't get any jury in the world to believe that Mr. Wilcox could fabricate anything. He is too lazy. He would fall asleep before he could decide to invent anything."

MINER LEAVES £1,680.

£2,500 Estate of Former Secretary of Dockers' Union.

Estate worth £1,685 was left by a coal-miner, Edwin Evans, of Llanarhine (Carmarthen), who died in Swansea General Hospital last September.

Mr. Thomas Merrells, a stevedore, who was recently secretary of the Dockers' Union at Swansea, and was the first Labour mayor of Swansea, left £2,539.

RESERVES CALLED UP.

First-class reservists belonging to the Royal Army Medical Corps at Aldershot yesterday received notice calling upon them to report for three weeks' training as from March 1.

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LITTLE LONDONERS' FEAST AT THE GUILDHALL



Sir William Treloar handing round plum pudding to the 1,200 little Londoners invited to the Guildhall yesterday for the banquet organised by the Lord Mayor Treloar Cripples' Hospital and College.

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CHAMPION TYPIST.—Miss Millicent Woodward, of Mansfield, who holds the championship of Europe for rapid typists, has beaten her own record by typing 276 words a minute.



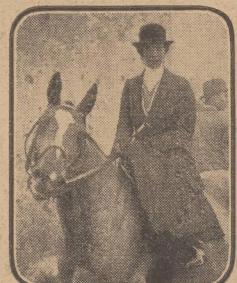
The Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Lord Mayor and Sir William Treloar, handing over way bills for the dispatch of hampers for cripples who could not attend. (Daily Mirror photographs.)



A WINTER SUNSHINE FROCK.—This charming jersey frock is knitted-in grey wool with prominent red stripes—a Paris model for the Riviera. Bold designs are still popular.



The Hon. Doreen Wingfield (on horseback) attending a meet in Ireland of the Bray Harriers.



FAMOUS IRISH HUNT.—Lady Powerscourt, the mother of Miss Wingfield (in upper picture), arriving at the meet of that famous Irish pack, the Bray Harriers, held in the village of Cabinteely, Co. Dublin.

WOODEN PIPES OF STUART DAYS



Old wooden pipes made of the hollowed trunks of elm trees which have been found during excavations in Marylebone road, W. They were laid in 1676 during the reign of Charles II.



GAY RIVIERA SHAWLS.—Big shawls with gay and even startling designs—such as the daringly striped wrap in this picture—will be seen a good deal on the Riviera this season.

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A SURPLUS.

WHILE the new Chancellor of the Exchequer is on his way to America, encouraging reports circulate about the "surplus" he is likely to find waiting for him at the end of the financial year in March—reports that hardly harmonise, by the way, with the gloomy predictions uttered by several members of the Government after the Election.

To avoid delusive hopes, we may remark that a *real* surplus can no more exist, in our present condition of indebtedness, unemployment, and repeateance for past extravagance, than the moon can be turned into gold for the increase of real wealth.

A surplus accruing on the current year's finances is another matter—a small matter.

And if such a surplus could prompt or make possible a reduction of taxation it would help us to retrieve our position. On the other hand, talk about it would only do harm were it to give the impression that "we can now relax" in our efforts to save—"we" meaning Whitehall.

"GO BACK HOME."

THREE unemployed marchers from Glasgow have given excellent advice to the three hundred others who are lingering in London after a tramp from various places in the North.

"Disappointed—but enlightened"—in their own words—they urge their comrades to *go back home*.

We hope that the organisers of these futile demonstrations will take notice.

The case of the unemployed does not require advertisement of this kind—advertisement that inflicts needless hardship upon those who have already quite enough to bear. It is presuming on their suffering to invite them to believe that jobs can be obtained by getting up rows in London and so alienating the sympathy all feel for them.

NAUGHTY NOVELS.

THERE are grave objections to the banning or censoring of any work of literature or art—even if the art be poor and the literature hardly worthy of the name.

One difficulty is that there is no really authoritative Board of Morals—like that of the Church in the Middle Ages—which can safely act as a tribunal free from bias.

Another is that the work so censored or banned has, in the process, so vast an amount of attention directed to itself that its supposed immorality is given an advertisement it could not legitimately gain in any other way.

This has already been the good fortune of the naughty new novel by M. Victor Marguerite.

We will not increase its sales by giving its title once more. We will only record the fact that the demand for it in England—a squeamish country, *la pudique Angleterre!*—has increased tenfold since the author was threatened with expulsion from the Legion of Honour.

The threat has now been accomplished. M. Marguerite can no longer wear the red ribbon. But, according to the average Parisian, so many people do wear it that not to be decorated is a great distinction on the Boulevard.

With this old jest, M. Marguerite may console himself—with this, and his increased sales.

W. M.

IN MY GARDEN.

JANUARY 1.—A good dressing of lime should now be given to ground of a clayey nature. This will help bring out the lime in poor foods. Soil that has been liberally manured for some years tends to become sour, and an application of agricultural lime will quickly sweeten it. Lay it thickly over the surface and prick it in.

Carefully look over the rockery this month, and remove all dead foliage and fallen leaves.

E. F. T.

THROUGH "THE MIRROR."

New Year Noises—Eating Between Meals—Belief in Fairies—Schoolboys on School Reports.

NEW YEAR'S EVE.

ONE thing is certain about the New Year and that is that a good many of us are not permitted to begin it quietly.

Even if we avoid one of the very noisy New Year parties, now so popular in London, we are apt to be awakened at midnight by a terrific din of foghorns, catcalls and whistles.

Next the river, where I live, the din this year went on for about twenty minutes.

EARLY TO BED.

Chelsea Embankment-gardens.

ARE SUICIDES "INSANE"?

YOUR correspondent (December 30) states that with "Romans who committed suicide" it was a case of avoiding disgrace.

But it seems to me it was a case of choosing

SCHOOL REPORTS.

MAY I say that I most certainly have had bad reports? Who except an absolute paragon has not?

But in my case, and in the cases of several of my friends who have been in the same plight, the stories very soon get over, and the holidays are the best enjoyment.

Of course, a great deal depends on one's parents—whether they are lenient or stern.

With regard to abolishing reports, I should be one of the first to second the motion. A great deal of valuable time is wasted in compiling them, and once they have been read at home they become a thing of the past.

Besides, one can generally form a pretty accurate opinion of one's work at school during the term, and one does not need to have one's

IF THE SECRET SOCIETY CRAZE CONTINUES



We may expect to get bands like these for the suppression of everybody and everything they dislike.

between one death and another—whether to die with own swords or to be killed by other Roman soldiers, after being led in triumphal procession.

This was so with Cassius at the battle of Philippi, and others later, including Brutus.

Foreign captives were often strangled (for instance, Simon after destruction of Jerusalem, A.D. 70), and some Romans captured in civil war would certainly have been killed by their fellow-countrymen. Were they necessarily "insane in ending their own lives under such circumstances?"

Whether it be "right" to end one's life is a different question—in this century.

Hartley, Kent. F. D. WELCH, M.R.C.S.

MUNCHERS."

YOU regard that people have been seen eating bananas in the stalls of a theatre. Others eat chocolates all the time.

This is a regrettable habit.

Oranges in the tube are quite common, and when a man sits opposite to me and cracks nuts with his teeth it is all I can do to restrain myself from assaulting him. I get out instead.

If these people are hungry then they need a restaurant, not a theatre. But if they are hungry, it's a bit of a stretch, and more objectionable.

And we may not smoke in theatres.

If smokers must travel in special carriages then let these "munchers" be segregated and hidden from the vision of normal men.

I am sure that their example cannot be good for the other people who are condemned to watch them.

Sidmouth.

FIDGET.

failings pointed out by scathing remarks concerning mathematics, and so on.

A MODERN SCHOOLGIRL.

HAVING read the letters in your very interesting correspondence columns dealing with the subject of school reports, I totally disagree with "A. P. L." about the complaints of idleness which schoolmasters very rightly send home.

I consider it only fair that the unfortunate parents who have to pay high fees should be informed how their respective sons and daughters are progressing at school.

And why should industrious boys not get due recognition?

Or does your correspondent consider that blessing should fall alike on the worker and the idler, like the rain on the just and on the unjust?

THE FATHER OF MANY.

DO FAIRIES EXIST?

CAN your correspondent be serious on the subject of fairies?

They are charming creations of fiction, and I like the little children to read about them. But what can your correspondent mean when he, or she, asks "Is there any such thing as fairies?" Has anybody ever seen one of them?

I notice a peculiar trait about this age of ours. It is that we have very little faith in the great truths of religion. Yet we are always ready to believe in superstitions about ghosts and

believe in the vision of normal men.

Why is it easier to believe in one than in the other?

A CATHOLIC.

Pinchbeck-gardens, S.W.

WHAT WILL THIS YEAR BE LIKE?

PROFESSIONAL PROPHETS ON COMING EVENTS.

By E. F. FORSTER.

THERE is a mean-spirited and amanuetic proverb which says: "Never prophesy unless you know."

A moment's reflection will show you that the makers of our proverbial sayings—all of whom are, happily, now dead—must have been a pusillanimous lot, whose motto was "Safety first." And this proverb about prophecy shows them in their most courageous aspect.

One of these seers, whose very name seems a guarantee of venerable antiquity, has some curious and interesting information for us as to the chief events of 1923.

A few chatty predictions as to disturbing news from India, Cairo and Johannesburg form his January budget. So there you are! If disturbing news is not probable from the quarters mentioned, where, I ask you, is it to come from?

These prophets are far-seeing fellows.

One of them goes so far as to say that in March next "priceless pictures will be knocked down to entire strangers to decorate the walls of homes in foreign lands." Which is quite likely, unless all the art dealers and auctioneers go out of business.

THE ART OF VAGUENESS.

Further down the column he ventures on this: "It is easy for the Prophet to predict prosperity for all real workers."

It is—dead easy.

For May next, a diviner forecasts that:

The financial condition of many of our best known hospitals will be deplorable, and unless very substantial monetary aid be forthcoming, it is easy to predict the closing down of these priceless institutions.

So it is useless for the secretaries to think that they have got enough money in, or for them to cease their appeals. However, it is comforting to read that:

The prophet predicts with pride the tremendous strides it means to the improvement all round of our arm, the Air Force. Since last year the Air Force has become the most reliable weapon of defence that we possess—the finest in the world. As any thoughtful student will tell you, the next war will be fought in the air.

One of our seers predicts that in July there will be "unsettling rumours throughout the civilised world"—which is blood-chilling without being too slavishly definite.

But, apart from professional diviners of the future, it is a general weakness of mankind to assume the mantle—part-worn though it may be—of the Prophet. We all number some of these amateur seers among our friends and acquaintances.

"Ah, that engagement will never last, you'll find," they will say, nodding, as two young people, absorbed in the first joy of betrothal, saunter past.

"Silly ass, young Binks, starting in business for himself; bound to come a cropper," they croak, when another young adventurer sets sail upon the ocean of commerce. But when they find they are wrong, they will never acknowledge it. And if by any chance their prophecies come true, they are insufferable.

Thank goodness our twopenny prophets never say "I told you so!"

You buy their almanacks and believe them or not—as you like. There it stops.

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Miss Florence Austral, who has made a great success with the New Year Open Company at Covent Garden



Lady Greville, a society beauty, who entertains herself at her residence in Belgrave-square.

AFTER LAUSANNE ?

New Year Revelry—Gay Gossip—The Renan Centenary.

SHOULD THE LAUSANNE CONFERENCE fail, well-informed people expect events to follow this course: France will refuse to join England if England wishes to keep the Turks out of Constantinople; England will leave Constantinople, declining to police Europe by herself; the Turks will return to their capital and may expel some half-million Christians; but no one can foresee what may happen afterwards in the Balkans.

Mr. Lloyd George's Holiday.

It is likely that before Mr. Lloyd George returns to England he will make an extended tour of Southern Spain. The ex-Premier is making firm friends among the Spaniards, and in order to show him that he is an honoured guest they are arranging to greet him with fêtes should he visit their chief cities. These Andalusian fêtes are something to be remembered, although, perhaps, from our point of view, rather garish.

Melba at Covent Garden.

Dame Nellie Melba has been to Covent Garden to hear her countrywoman, Miss Florence Austral. Dame Melba went to the wings to congratulate the young singer. It was interesting to note the cordial greetings exchanged between the prima donna and many old friends in the chorus associated with her in the days of her Covent Garden triumphs and to see her evident pleasure in visiting her former dressing-room where, in the old days, she entertained her friends.

Aged Viscount.

Lord Hereford, who is eighty years old tomorrow, is the premier Viscount of England. His father was an honorary canon of Durham sixty years ago.

New Fare Day.

The new railway fares came into operation yesterday, and caused considerable anxiety to the booking-clerks at some of the London stations. Travellers would insist on generously informing the clerk that he had given them too much change. While he was explaining the alterations in the fares the queue was growing longer and the temper of the waiting people shorter!

"Old Moore."

In July, 1700, Francis Moore, on behalf of the Stationers' Company, produced, under the title "The Voice of the Stars," an almanac predicting events to occur in the following year. That was the first issue of a publication that still retains very much of its old-time popularity as "Old Moore's Almanac."

The Ceremonial Department.

The Hon. George Crichton's labours at the Ceremonial Department at St. James' Palace are about to begin. The lists for presentations at Courts are now open, so letters and callers are beginning to arrive in a steady stream. Callers are distinctly discouraged, but all the same, many ladies find their way to the quaint little office under one of the numerous archways which make the old Palace so attractive.

A Backwater.

The tiny hall, with its frock-coated attendants, the narrow winding stairs, the small rooms furnished in the true Victorian manner, the waiting-room complete with water-bottle and glass, as well as ink and pens and a large piece of blotting-paper, are all quite fascinating in their air of remoteness from the bustle and bustle of the day.



Hon. George Crichton.

TO-DAY'S GOSSIP

News and Views About Men, Women, and Affairs in General

At the Junior Turf Club.

The New Year celebrations in London did not get well under way till midnight, but they lasted very nearly until midday! At five o'clock yesterday morning the Junior Turf Club (which is the coffee-stall at Hyde Park Corner) was doing a brisk business serving men in evening dress with eggs and bacon, one portion of which was consumed in a luxurious limousine.

Finishing Up.

At the Hotel More-a-long (which is the Baker-street coffee-stall) there was a crowd of about fifty men in fancy dress. The modern craze in Mayfair is to finish a party by going out to breakfast at a street coffee-stall.

In Regent-Street.

Round about 3 a.m. Regent-street was crowded. Down the middle of the road marched a scratch band, the members of which were playing the imitation instruments given them as "souvenirs" at hotel parties. Among the bandsmen I recognised a theatrical manager, and a gentleman (with "trumbone") who is reputed to be a millionaire. Taxicabs were at a premium, but there were charabanc drivers looking out for weary revellers on the wholesale principle.

Bound for Southsea?

Lady Louis Mountbatten intends to take up her residence at whatever port her husband's ship is based. Lord Louis' appointment to the battleship Revenge means Constantinople and the East for the present, but if I am not mistaken she is a Portsmouth

ship, so we shall find Lady Louis installed near Southsea—that delectable residential suburb of "Pompey"!

Famous Painter.

In spite of various announcements to the contrary, Sir John and Lady Lavery have not yet left town. Sir John has not been in the best of health for some time past, and Lady Lavery has had a bad cold, so they are waiting for the rough weather to calm down before going to Italy.

An Offer to Gay.

It is curious that Gay should have written a play which got him into trouble, as "Polly" did, for satirising the Court. On the accession of George II, he was actually offered a Court appointment—that of Gentleman Usher to Princess Louisa, then two years of age, at a salary of £200 a year.

Fatness.

Now that controversy is raging as to the merits or demerits of the fat, it may interest some people to learn that Gay was one of the fattest men of his time. But was he fatter than Gibbon? I have seen a letter from a Frenchman, who wrote, in describing his life as a resident at Lausanne: "When I feel that I need exercise I go for a walk three times round Mr. Gibbon."

Peg as Polly.

It is interesting to remember that Peg Woffington started her career by playing Polly at the age of ten. When the piece was done in London, Mme. Violante organised a Lilliputian troupe for Ireland. Peg was playing Ophelia at the Dublin Theatre Royal at the age of fifteen.

Renan.

The most interesting literary centenary of the year will be that of Ernest Renan, who was born on February 27, 1823. It is worth recalling that the Empress Eugenie was asked to procure the suppression of his nonorthodox "Life of Christ," but refused. "It will do no harm," she said, "to those who believe in Christ, and to those who do not it will do good."

Caustic Criticism.

Jowett of Balliol, however, summed the work up in a vicious sentence. "It may be hoped," he once said in a sermon, "that, if the 'Life of Christ' is ever written again, it will be neither sentimental nor picturesque." The picturesque "Life" to which he referred was Farar's; the sentimental one was Renan's.

Countries Without Honours.

Apropos of "honours" and "decorations," it is worth noting that only two great countries have systematically refused to have anything to do with them—Switzerland and the United States. In France they were abolished by the Revolution but restored by Napoleon; and such minor embellishments as the Palmes Académiques and the Médaille Agricole are there derided and run after in pretty much the same manner as the O.B.E.

Lucky Line.

The decision to explore the ruins of Carthage reminds me that Mr. D. S. MacColl won the Newdigate at Oxford with a poem about that city, and was popularly believed to have won it by the merits of a single line. Here the line is, with a few of the preceding lines to make it intelligible:—

But better still in slumber-slanting ease,
To be beside the falling of the seas,
To listen and to listen till the tune
Of all the life of all the afternoon
Deepens to one note of a long distress—
The monotone of everlastingness.

Anglo-Canadian Wedding.

Banking people will be interested in the forthcoming marriage in a week or two at Montreal of Mr. Gerald Hansard and Miss Evelyn McArthur, a Canadian. Mr. Hansard's father was the late Mr. Luke Hansard, one of the best-known bankers in the City, a director of Martin's Bank and a vice-president for many years of the Bankers' Institute, in the establishment of which he took a leading part.

Jazzaganza!

The new revue which is to be produced at Covent Garden—of all places!—on the 24th of this month is called a "Jazzaganza." Its title is "You'd Be Surprised," though, in the circumstances, it is no surprise to hear that the Savoy Havana Band is to play a prominent part. Mr. George Robey is also in the cast, as is Lydia Lopokova, the delightful Russian dancer.



Miss Isobel Elsom, now playing in "Sweet Lavender" at the Ambassador's, who has had a little girl in New Zealand.



The Hon. Mrs. Tahu Rhodes, daughter of the fifth Baron Plunkett, has had a little girl in New Zealand.

New Year Wishes.

Pretty Miss Isobel Elsom, who has made a great acting success in "Sweet Lavender," has had to refuse an offer to play in a film of "A Royal Divorce." She was telling me yesterday that her New Year wish was to be able to look at the papers in the morning without finding something about war—old or new. Miss Margaret Bannerman hopes that 1923 will be a genuine "pre-war" year.

Bandmen in the Bud.

I hear from Sir George Arthur that the annual old boys' supper of the Newport Market School will take place on Tuesday next, when the Earl of Cavan, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, will be present. This interesting school was founded fifty-nine years ago in Newport Market, Soho. Boys are trained there as musicians with a view to their being enlisted in the Army.

Scotland and the Drama.

I wonder what the pious Scot of a former generation would have thought of the Scottish National Players who are performing at the Coliseum this week. In 1756 a Presbyterian minister called John Home was compelled to resign his charge. He had committed the unpardonable offence of writing a play.

Double Entendre.

Overheard at the sales. Tired Assistant (to lady who is fitting on one of the new wooden hats): "It suits your expression beautifully, moddam!"

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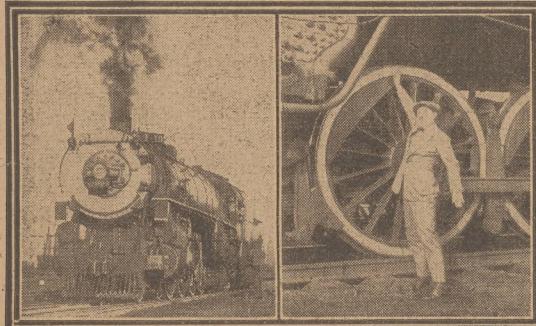
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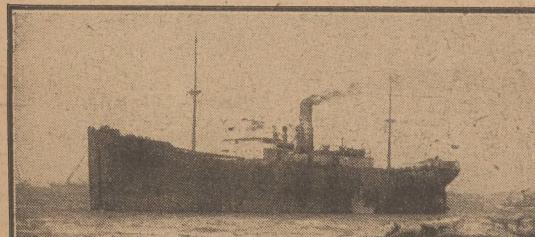
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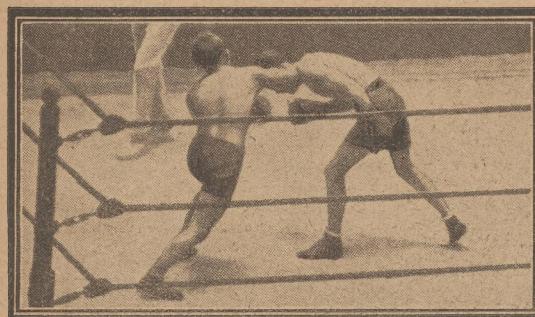
The Duke of Leinster (left) and Mr. William Washburn Nutting, commodore of the Cruising Club of America, with whom the Duke is arranging to race across the Atlantic in 40ft. ketches next spring. *15839*



WORLD'S BIGGEST LOCOMOTIVE.—Left, the largest railway engine in the world, and (right) a view of one of its six feet wheels. It has been built for the American Southern Pacific line. *1603*



ASHORE IN A GALE.—The British ship Manchester Spinner ashore in Boston Harbour, U.S.A., on the westerly side of Long Island. During a fifty-mile gale she dragged her anchors. *1603*



BANTAM CHAMPIONSHIP.—Joe Lynch and Midget Smith during their spirited fifteen-round match at Madison Square Garden, New York, in which Lynch retained the bantam-weight championship. *1603*

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Lieut.-Col. Waterhouse, private secretary to Premier, awarded C.V.O. *17126-T*



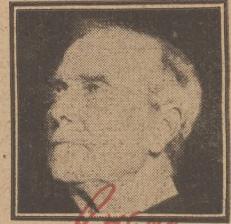
Sir Havelock Charles, Medical Adviser to Government of India, becomes K.C.S.I. *17126-T*



The enormous crowd which gathered around



Major-General Henry Hugh Tudor, former Commander of R.I.C. and Auxiliaries, receives the K.C.B. *17126-T*



Mr. Henry Sturdy Threlfall, K.C., the blind Master of Lunacy, is knighted on retirement. *17126-T*

NEW YEAR HONOURS.—Although the whole of the New Year Honours have not yet been issued owing to the recommendations of the Royal Commission—



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Sir Milson Rees, the laryngologist, is advanced from C.V.O. to K.C.V.O.



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Lieutenant Colonel Lantry, of the Metropolitan Police, becomes C.B.E.

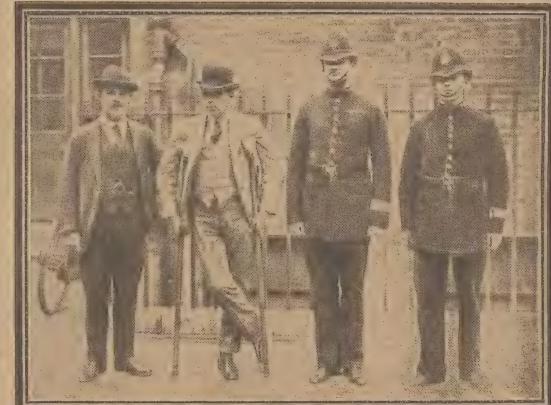
—a considerable list was announced yesterday, including two baronetcies and sixteen knighthoods, as well as advancements to knighthoods in the various Orders.



the debris of the
in which she emerged
Victoria Hotel.

Guests pulling a giant cracker at the revels in the Hotel Cecil.
the belief that many of our troubles—national and individual—are about to pass away, everyone greeted the New Year with gladness, and New Year revels everywhere were scenes of sheer delight.

AWARDED THE KING'S MEDAL



Left to right, Detectives Walter Marsh and Cecil Sayer and Constables Walter Bush and James Duff, who captured the murderers of Sir Henry Wilson, have now been awarded the King's Police Medal.



RECITING AT NINETY-TWO.—An old lady of ninety-two (left), who has a wonderful repertoire of recitations, entertains some of her fellow inmates at Chipping Norton Poor Law institution.



THE FLOATING SPAN.—The last span of the great new bridge across the Detroit River at Detroit City, U.S.A. The carrying barges were filled with water to sink the span into position.



THROUGH FREEZING SEAS.—A vivid idea of recent weather in the Atlantic is given by this picture, which shows how the salt spray freezes along the railing of a ship's deck as it comes aboard.

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Daily Mirror Office.

MY DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,—

I suppose I ought to write you a special letter to-day (with a "moral" at the end, as our grandmothers would say), it being the first day of the New Year.

However, I don't think you require a special letter to-day; all my nephews and nieces, I am sure, have made (and kept, I hope) their good resolutions, so that there is no need for me to say anything "improving" this morning.

I shall keep my special letter for next week, when perhaps several of these wonderful resolutions, alas! have not been kept,

and you are not feeling quite so good and important as you do this morning!

I have made very few resolutions; there is one, however, which I hope to keep throughout the year. It is simply that I hope to entertain you better than ever in our little corner of *The Daily Mirror*. I can promise you all sorts of splendid competitions, stories, etc., during the next twelve months.

The pets, as you see, presented me with a very bright tie as a New Year gift; it was of colour all over it. How I can wear it I don't know.

Would any of you boys care for a fancy tie? The trouble is that the pets expect me to wear it.

Yours affectionately,
Uncle Dick.

PETS PRESENT ME WITH A NEW YEAR "TIE."



1. While out for a walk yesterday Squeak suggested getting me a New Year present.



2. Just then they came to a hosier's. "Let's buy him one of those lovely ties!" said Pip.



3. They went into the shop and bought the gaudiest tie they could see.



4. Hurrying home, Squeak told Wilfred he should have the privilege of giving me the tie.



5. Now, I have already had five ties given to me this Christmas, and this one—



6.—with its bright stripes and spots, quite upset me! Pip expects me to wear it every day!

SHOP GIRLS' HANDS

Keeping Them Shapely.

A Lady Shopper writes:—"How regrettable a thing it is that the hands of so many shop-girls (and others also for that matter) often naturally shapey and delicate, are at this season spoilt and made ugly by chilblains and chaps." Our correspondent pointing out, in one case, how utterly unnecessary such a painful disfigurement was since "New-Skin" (sold by Boots and all chemists at 10/- per bottle) is a perfect cure for chilblains and chaps—as well as for cuts, scrapes, scratches and all wounds—the girl said, "I'll get a bottle to-day, but doesn't it dry shiny?" Our correspondent at once pointed out that that was nothing, but that anyway, a touch of toilet powder over the "New-Skin," just as drying would make it look exactly like the surrounding natural skin.

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The South African ostrich, for instance, has set himself, rather a hard task. "I shan't accept everything that is offered to me," said he with dignity. "Last year I ate a great many paper bags and a broken pocket mirror, but paper and glass onwards I shall accept only real eatables, and I shall always return the paper in which the chocolate is wrapped up."

Somewhat the crocodile's resolution does not seem sincere: "I am going to do a good turn every day," he said with a leer, "like the boy scouts. If anybody happens to fall into my enclosure I shall receive him with a kindly smile," and he opened his immense jaws, showing two rows of very sharp teeth indeed.

While I was in the reptiles' house I strolled over to the huge python's case. He was fast asleep, but I banged on the glass and he opened one drowsy eye. "What are your good resolutions, Percy?" I asked.

"Oh, I'm—excuse me—" he gave a great yawn, and then went on sleepily: "I'm going to get up early every morning."

"You!" I repeated. "Why, you've been asleep for about three months! You'll never wake up!"

"Oh, let you know about it!" he purred, spreading out his huge length in several coils. "I'm a most wonderful serpent, I am. In fact, there is nothing I despise so much as laziness!" With those words, his head slid down and he dropped off to sleep.

AN ANGRY GNU.

Walking to the 'antelopes' house I heard the gnu kicking violently against the door of his paddock. "Dear me, what is the matter?" I cried.

"Yah!" I've made a good solution for the gnu Year!" shouted the gnu, hitting his head against the door with a crash. "Every day (biff!) I am going (bang!) to kick (crash!) this door (smash!) until I have knocked (thump!) it off (rattle!) (bang!) him!"

"I don't call that a good resolution!" I said severely, and I hurried off to the elephants' house. "What good resolutions have you made?" I asked. "Oh, lots," replied the biggest elephant there. "I'm going to say 'Thank you' for my own, and for hundreds of children's rides on my back, and love my keeper; and pack up all my troubles in my trunk and try to be a good elephant all the year."

"That's right, old fellow," I said, fumbling in a bag that I had brought with me. "You deserve it, but, I think, and as his big mouth opened I threw the bag right into it."

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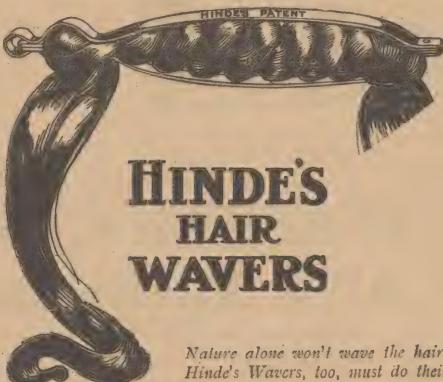
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MRS. WOOD, an invalid, not likely to live much longer, is very anxious for her daughter Primrose to marry Sir Stanley Birbom, the Son of Whicombe.

To her delight the two become very fond of each other, so that the announcement of their engagement was exulted daily. But Helen Dale, a wonderfully beautiful girl, appears on a great personal favour to do nothing to try to find her.

Dick was shocked to find Mrs. Wood discloses that Sir Stanley is in love—temporarily, at any rate—with Helen, and for his daughter's sake she determines to make Helen Dale go away before it is too late.

She begs him to do this, but the girl refuses. Then Mrs. Wood tells her an amazing story of how Primrose's father went to goal for theft to save Garth Dale, Helen's father. The latter had been too quick to admit his guilt.

At first Helen refuses to believe the story, but Mrs. Wood has convincing proof of it in the form of a letter. At last the elder woman states her terms.

"It is your happiness that counts," she says.

"Give her back her lover and not a word of

what I have told you shall ever pass my lips again,

If you don't, all the world shall know your father

for the thief and coward he is!"

Helen decides, after a big struggle, to sacrifice her happiness to save her father from disgrace. She writes a letter to Sir Stanley which gives the impression that she can never really care for him.

Mrs. Wood dies, but not before she has seen

Primrose married to Sir Stanley, whose proposal was accepted with sympathy.

As the time goes by Primrose begins to realize

that her husband does not really love her. Definite

proof of this is forthcoming in some remarks by Helen Dale, which Primrose overhears.

Colonel Wynne, a friend of Stanley's, visits Whicombe Court. On first seeing Primrose, and before he knows who she is, he falls desperately in love with her.

George West, who makes his living out of blackmail, knows the secret about Primrose's father. He visits her at Whicombe and threatens to tell the story to Sir Stanley unless Primrose introduces him as an old friend of hers.

Primrose decides to leave Whicombe. To her unpleasant surprise she meets West in the house of a Mrs. Tunwell, where she has taken a room.

DICK SPEAKS HIS MIND.

IT was nearly a week since Primrose had left Whicombe Court.

During that week Stanley's indignation had grown. It was not fair of her to leave him in ignorance of her whereabouts! He could not go on telling people indefinitely that she had gone for a change of air and that he was going to join her shortly!

He determined he would go away himself. He could leave his affairs quite comfortably in the hands of his agent.

Accordingly he made arrangements to close the Court for a few weeks and went to London, where he engaged the chambers in Jermyn-street which he had often occupied in his bachelor days.

The very first afternoon he ran into Colonel Wynne as he was leaving the club.

"Hello, Stanley," the latter said, and, to quick ears it was apparent there was not the heartiness in his voice there had been when he had met Stanley a few weeks previously. "You up in town?"

"Yes, on a short visit." "That's good. Where are you staying? I must come round and pay my respects to Lady Birbom. By the way, are you both free tonight? I've just had a box for His Majesty's given me."

"I'm free. I'd like to come. But, as a matter of fact, Primrose isn't up with me."

"Oh, I see. Where are you putting up then? At the club?"

"No. I've got my old room in Jermyn-street. Are you doing anything now, Dick? If you aren't will you come round and have a chat? I've got nothing to do and I don't feel like being alone."

When the two men had lighted their cigars and had got their drinks by their side, Dick said abruptly: "Is there anything wrong, Stanley? You aren't looking yourself."

"Yes, there is," Stanley answered, almost shortly. "There's something confoundedly wrong."

"Money?"

"No. It's—what's my wife. She's left me, Dick, and I don't know what the dickens to do."

Colonel Wynne's fingers tightened on his cigar so that it was crushed.

"What on earth do you mean? Primrose—Lady Birbom has left you?"

"Yes. Stanley flung his cigar into the grate and, with his hands in his pockets, paced up and down the room. "It's an intolerable position. She liked you, Dick," turning to him suddenly. "Did she say anything to you?"

"Good heavens, no!"

"I'm amazed if I can understand it. I'm all in the dark."

"Haven't you asked her? Haven't you made her tell you?"

"How can I, man? I don't even know where she is!"

"What! Dick was on his feet. "You don't know where that girl—that lovely girl is?"

"No. She left the Court the day you did. She made no secret of it. Left the house an hour or so after you had gone, and drove to Gloucester Station and took a ticket for London. I know that much and that's all."

Dick's usually sunny face was dark. "Look

translation, dramatic and all other rights secured."

here. Stanley. You are telling me only part of the story. Something must have happened to have brought things to such a pass!"

"Nothing had," Stanley returned obstinately, though his tanned face flushed for a moment. Dick looked at him, then shrugged his shoulders. "Of course, I don't want to force you to tell me anything you don't want to. But don't you know yet where she is?"

"No, I haven't the least idea."

"Do you mean to say you haven't found out where she is? Are you hunting a young girl to be some where in order to make a pretty protégée?" Stanley's face began to reflect his anxiety. "She has tied my hands. She begged me as a great personal favour to do nothing to try to find her."

Dick was shocked. His voice was shaking with repressed anger as he said: "And you mean to tell me that you paid attention to the words of a girl, a child, who had been hurt, for you must have hurt her beyond endurance? Do you mean to tell me you haven't been turning every possible corner trying to find her?"

"No!" He was beginning to feel he might have been wrong. But he wasn't going to admit it yet. "I have done what she wanted me to do. I can trust her."

"You may trust her. But every word you utter proves what I guessed in the first twenty-four hours I spent at the Court. You don't love her!"

"I did take care! There are some things I won't tell, even from you." Stanley's voice rang out, edged with anger.

"You'll take what I choose to give you!" Dick retorted, well-nigh beside himself. "I'm not a clever chap, but it didn't need cleverness to see that you are head over ears in love with that beautiful girl, Helen Dale, who was staying with you."

"Stop, Dick!" Stanley's voice was like thun-

"Very well. I will. But I hate calling in police help, which is what it amounts to, I suppose."

"No, it need not. Go to a private detective. I know of a first-rate man, whose discretion can be absolutely relied on. If you won't employ him, I shall. But, for her sake, it will be better if you do it."

"All right. Let me have the address."

"I'll go home at once and phone it to you here. You'll let me know the instant you hear anything."

IN THE HANDS OF FATE.

AFTER he had gone Stanley faced the things Colonel Wynne had hurled at him. Dick had said that he did not love Primrose, his wife; that he was in love with Helen Dale; that Helen was in love with him.

Were these accusations true?

He admitted the second count was true. He had not realised it until now, but now he knew he had never got over his passion for Helen. A year ago she had had the power to make his blood tingle. She still had the same power to-day.

And Primrose, his gentle, reserved wife, with her gracious ways and dainty habits?

It was not true to say that he did not love her. He was quietly fond of her, in an elder brotherly, protecting way. But he had to admit to himself that his feeling for her had nothing of the joyous excitement which had quickened his heart for Helen.

But Mrs. Wood's appeal to him at a moment when he was feeling tender and compassionate towards Primrose, he would not have asked her to be his wife.

Perhaps in the years to come he might have turned to her. But it was too soon after the violent emotion he had felt for Helen Dale for it to be possible for him to love another woman in the same way.

But he had done his best. He knew she loved him then, even if she had changed now. He had meant to make her happy. He thought he had succeeded.

Stanley's thoughts swung back to Helen. Was Dick right? Did she love him? If she did, why had she refused him a year ago?

Acting on impulse, he picked up his hat and stick and left his chambers. He called a taxi and drove quickly down to The Boltons.

In Helen's amazement at his arrival at the very moment in which she was vowing to herself she would never see him again she was off.

"Stanley, Stanley!" she repeated. And suddenly, in the reversal of feeling, she broke down, and, turning her face away, began to cry.

"Helen, what is it? What is the matter?"

"Nothing," she answered, struggling for self-control. "I was feeling miserable and—"

"Yes, I know. Everyone seems miserable. What has happened to us all? What makes you unhappy?"

"Is anyone really happy, I wonder? I begin to think no one is."

"I had hoped you were," he said in a low voice.

All the fret of her nerves was being calmed. She was sheer joy on the other side of the same room. She had decided never to see him again. But fate had been too strong for her. Fate had sent him to her here, in her own home. She dried her eyes and sat down.

"Come up to London?"

"To-day."

"Did Primrose come up with you?"

"No," he answered. If Helen thought from that answer she was still at the Court, so much the better. "I'm only up for a few days."

"I see."

A strange, heavy silence fell between them. Each was acutely conscious of the presence of the other.

But each was trying to play the game.

Suddenly Helen got up and moved towards the door. But her foot caught in the white fur hearth rug and she stumbled awkwardly.

Stanley caught her and she fell against his breast.

Her scented golden hair was against his shoulder, her great startled eyes with their dark fringes, were gazing up into his. All the love of her heart was revealed to him in that moment, and the beautiful parted lips were close to his own.

"She refused you?" Dick repeated, surprised.

"She nodded. "Yes. I'm not the sort to bother a woman who tells me she doesn't want me. I wrote once, but she begged me not to write again. I didn't."

"How long after did you marry Primrose?"

"About six months."

"Did she know that only a short time before you wanted to marry someone else?"

"Oh, I can't tell all. Dick cut it out. I'm not going to answer any more of your questions."

"All right," Dick answered gruffly. "But what are you going to do now? You must try to find out where Lady Birbom has gone, if only to satisfy yourself that she is safe."

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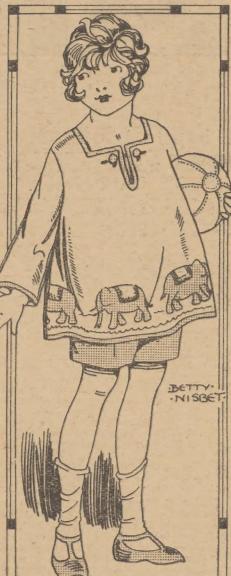
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CHILDREN IN OLD-TIME HARLEQUINADE



Clever little actors and actresses who play the characters in the Children's Harlequinade which follows "Where the Rainbow Ends," the delightful play for the little ones. It is presented at matinee performances at the Holborn Empire.

WEDDING OF A BARONET'S DAUGHTER



The bridesmaids, wearing mantillas and beautifully-embroidered Spanish cloaks, at the wedding of Miss Denise du Cros (inset) and Mr. Alan V. Insole at All Souls', Langham Place. Sir Arthur du Cros gave his daughter away.



HIS BAD TIME.—Mr. Noel Fleming, the well-known singer (right), discovered by a friend of happier days selling matches near Piccadilly Circus. Mr. Fleming has recently come out of hospital.



Mr. Albert Waterfield, a Richmond Park keeper, awarded the medal for gallantry of the Order of the British Empire in the New Year's Honours List just published.



THAMES-SIDE FLOODS.—Floods around the bungalows at Shepperton, where the Thames, after heavy rain, has risen two feet in two days and is reported to be still rising.—(Daily Mirror photograph.)



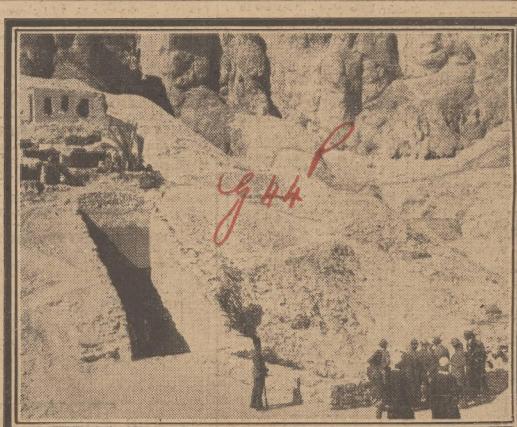
BARGAINS WEEK.—Enthusiastic bargain-hunters at Messrs. John Barker's Kensington stores, where the New Year sales are in full swing. It is a typical scene in the shops this week.



ENGAGEMENT.—Mr. William H. Howard, son of Mr. Howard, Shepperton, whose engagement to—



Miss Georgina Iris Hughes-Morgan was announced yesterday. Miss Hughes-Morgan is a daughter of Sir David Hughes-Morgan, of Penally.



EGYPTIAN TREASURE VIEW.—A group of journalists at the tomb of Tutankhamen, near Luxor, Egypt, waiting for a special view of the rare treasure within the tomb.